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Municipal Court

February 13, 2006

Dear Principal,

My name is MaryAnne Majestic and I am a Judge for the Tempe Municipal Court. I am writing this letter to you to inform you about this year's Law Day project sponsored by the Tempe Municipal court.

This year's theme for the contest is "The Power of Government: Balanced by Three Separate Branches of Government". We would like the children to draw, paint, sketch, or make a collage of how they imagine this concept might look in a picture. The art project can be as simple as a crayon on paper, or as complex of a medium that the child may want to use. All entries are welcome and will be hung for display in the city council chambers.

The Law Day contest will culminate at the City of Tempe City Council Meeting on May 4th. The top three winners in each of the two categories (5th and 6th graders in one category, 7th and 8th graders in the second category) will be invited to attend the council meeting and receive their award certificate and cash prize. These items will be individually presented to them by Judge Louraine Arkfeld, Presiding Judge of the The Tempe Municipal Court, and the Mayor of Tempe. Each winner will also be photographed with the Mayor, and will be given a copy of this photograph. All children who participate will be acknowledged with a certificate of participation signed by both the Mayor and the Presiding Judge.

The Law Day program has been hugely successful in the past due to the participation of your students and the dedication of your teachers. The awards night presentation is truly an event that they do remember. We would ask that you hand out the enclosed flyers in this envelope to the teachers so that they can work with interested students on this project. And as in past years, I am very willing to come to a class to talk to the students about the law day theme or answer any questions that your teachers may have about the competition. My phone number is 480-350-8328.

We ask that all entries be ready for pick up no later than April 24th 2006. We will make arrangements to have them picked up at your school. The contact person for pick up is Mark Stodola, Deputy Court Manager. His phone number is 480-350-8457. We look forward to working with all of you again on this project.

Sincerely,

MaryAnne Majestic, Judge Tempe Municipal Court



Law Day 2006 Contest

The Power of Government:

Balanced by Three Separate Branches of Government

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE: All 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade students in the City of Tempe.

<u>THE CONTEST</u>: Draw, paint, sketch, or make a collage of how you imagine "The Power of Government: Balanced by Three Separate Branches of Government" concept might look in a picture. The art project can be as simple as a crayon on paper drawing or as complex of a medium that you may want to use. All entries are welcome and will be hung for display in the Tempe City Council Chambers.

DEADLINE: All entries should be ready for pick up by **Monday, April 24, 2006**. Contact Mark Stodola at 480-350-8457 for information regarding entry pickup.

AWARDS: The top three winners in each of the two categories (5th and 6th graders in one category, 7th and 8th graders in the second category) will be invited to attend a city council meeting and receive their award certificate and cash prize on Thursday, May 4, 2006. All participants will receive a certificate of participation signed by the Mayor and the Presiding ludge.

For more information on the Law Day 2006 contest, please contact Judge MaryAnne Majestic at 480-350-8328.